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Some Iowans May Be Eligible for Disaster Food Assistance

(Des Moines, Iowa) – A Presidential Disaster Declaration has been issued for Pottawattamie and Shelby Counties. This allows the Department of Human Services (DHS) to offer the Disaster Food Assistance Program for those Iowans impacted by high water and power outages due to flooding. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and DHS have approved the Disaster Food Assistance Program for affected, qualified individuals in the Pottawattamie and Shelby Counties.

Disaster Food Assistance uses different qualifying rules than regular Food Assistance. If you would not normally qualify for Food Assistance, based on income, you may qualify for Disaster Food Assistance if you have suffered one or more of the following disaster-related expenses:

- Home or business repairs
- Temporary shelter expenses
- Evacuation or relocation expenses
- Home or business protection
- Disaster-related personal injury, including funeral expenses
- Lost or no access to income due to the disaster, including reduced, terminated or delayed receipt of income, for a large part of the benefit period
- In some cases, food loss after a disaster, like flooding or power outages

For more information visit: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/>.

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